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SUBJ: ABUL GASSEM PHONES QADDAFI ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CHAD

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1. IN ITEM DATED NDJAMENA SUNA REPORTS APRIL 28 THAT VP ABUL GASSEM IBRAHIM MET WITH MALLOUM WEDNESDAY EVENING AND BRIEFED HIM ON RESULTS THREE NATION MILITARY COMMITTEE (TNMC) MEETING. ACCORDING SUNA MALLOUM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND REAFFIRMED WILLINGNESS CHADGOV SUPPORT FOR TNMC AND FACILITATE ITS MISSION.
2. SUNA ALSO REPORTS THAT ABUL GASSEM PHONED QADDAFI FROM NDJAMENA THURSDAY MORNING. ABUL GASSEM INFORMED LIBYAN LEADER OF FROLINAT CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS AND ASKED QADDAFI TO INTERVENE URGENTLY AND REQUEST FROLINAT LEADERS TO RESPECT SEBHA-BENGHAZI ACCORD, OBSERVE CEASEFIRE, WITHDRAW FORCES WHICH HAD PENETRATED SOUTH TO OLD POSITIONS AND ALLOW TNMC MEMBERS TO TAKE AGREED OBSERVATION POSITIONS.

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3. ACCORDING SUNA QADDAFI PROMISED ABUL GASSEM TO DO HIS UTMOST TO PURSUE LEADERS OF FROLINAT TO FULFILL THEIR PLEDGES.
4. ABUL GASSEM ALSO ASKED LIBYAN PRESIDENT TO SUPPLY TNMC URGENTLY WITH ALL ORDERED COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT VEHICLES TO ENABLE IT TO PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. SUNA SAYS ABUL GASSEM INFORMED QADDAFI THAT HE (ABUL GASSEM) HAD ASKED

FOR AN ADDITIONAL MILITARY FORCE FROM SUDAN TO PARTICIPATE IN
CEASEFIRE PROCESS IN ABECHE AND ARADA AREAS.

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5. COMMENT: IT MAY BE WHILE BEFORE WE CAN OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF
LAST POINT RE ADDITIONAS SUDANESE MILITARY OBSERVERS AND TO FIND OUT
EXACTLY HOW MANY PEOPLE INVOLVED. SUNA REPORT, NEVERTHELESS, IS IN-
TERESTING IN THAT IT SUGGESTS SUDANESE IMPATIENCE WITH LIBYANS AND
WILLINGNESS EXERT DEGREE OF PRESSURE ON CHADGOV'S BEHALF. MOREOVER,
REPORT, IN EFFECT, COMMITS QADDAFI TO SUPPORT SEBHA-BENGHAZI
AGREEMENT. THIS, AS WE HAVE NOTED IREVIOUSLY, IS PART OF SUDANESE
STRATEGY, I.E., TO GET SDDAFI PUBLICLY TO AGREE TO BEHAVE AND ACT
CIVILIZED. REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW SUCCESSFUL THIS APPROACH WILL BE.
FOR AS REPORT ALSO REVEALS QADDAFI APPARENTLY CONTROLS SUCH CRITICAL
ITEMS AS COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND THEREFORE CAN
DETERMINE JUST HOW EFFECTIVE TNMC CAN BE IN CHAD.
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